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MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Commission

From: David Godfrey, P.E., Transportation Engineering Manager

Date: May 22, 2014

Subject: Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan final comments

On May 20, the City Council reviewed the [final draft Master Plan](#). At the April Commission meeting it was decided the changes or issues raised at the May 20 Council meeting should be reviewed by the Commission. The plan will be revised in the following areas and is scheduled to come back to Council for adoption on June 17. Commission comments on these or any other area of the plan would be welcome.

1. Changes from Council on May 20th

(a) Buzz Zone name

Council asked for a new name for the Buzz Zone. Staff proposed a list of names at the meeting:

1. Convergence Zone
2. Connections Zone
3. Four Corners
4. Fusion Zone
5. Ingenuity Alley
6. Innovation Alley
7. Innovation Viewpoint
8. Innovation Terrace
9. Lakeview Deck
10. Lakeview Junction
11. Lakeview Terrace
12. Mixing Zone
13. Sasquatch Flats
14. Terrace Zone

None of these was definitively chosen at the meeting, but more information will be available at your May 28 meeting.

(b) End connections

Council asked that language be added to better address how the ends of the CKC will connect with the surrounding road system.

(c) Non-ST transit

Add language that supports the notion of transit even if Sound Transit does not choose to move forward on the Corridor.

(d) Transit connections to downtown

Add language that supports transit connections from the corridor to downtown.

2. Cover

The cover will be replaced. The current plan is to develop a rendering of a prototypical section of the developed trail. There was discussion of including transit on the cover, but it was decided that this should not be done because the type of transit that may come to the corridor is not clear and because the Master Plan does not include a plan for transit per se.

3. Introduction

Staff will contact Council and develop quotes that will be included along with an introduction. The draft introduction is below:

Peter Kirk helped finance the first railroad on the eastside of Lake Washington. More than a hundred years and several owners later, the people of the City to which Peter Kirk gave his name are ready to transform his corridor. This Plan is a guide for that transformation.

The vision for the transformation includes an unmatched path for walking and biking, a stunning linear park, a site for future transit. This means places where people gather, a safe way to travel to a friend's house, a speedy way to get to work, fun places for play and reflective spaces full of stillness. But the Plan is more than a vision it describes how to achieve the vision.

This plan says execute the vision, complete the transformation, in such a way that people will come to the Cross Kirkland Corridor again and again and continue to be stirred by their experience. They may not be able to put their finger on what stirred them. Maybe it was the art, the way seating was placed or the shape of a particular garden. Was it was the ease with which they found their way to a new place? It might have been the view from the Houghton Porch (the lake looks different every time doesn't it?) where a meal was shared.

The Corridor is about to be turned inside out. Buildings where backdoors opened to rusty tracks are ready to reemerge transformed from the energy of thousands of trail users. Where a powerful barrier once separated people, a hundred connections will re-knit the community fabric. One day transit may move people safely, swiftly and quietly to their destinations. The plan is ready.

Kirkland is a community of remarkable people well suited to plan and carry out the transformation. When they walk the corridor today, though it's still rough and rocky, they see stunning natural beauty bolstered with urban energy and out spills their desire to share their passion for the future with others.

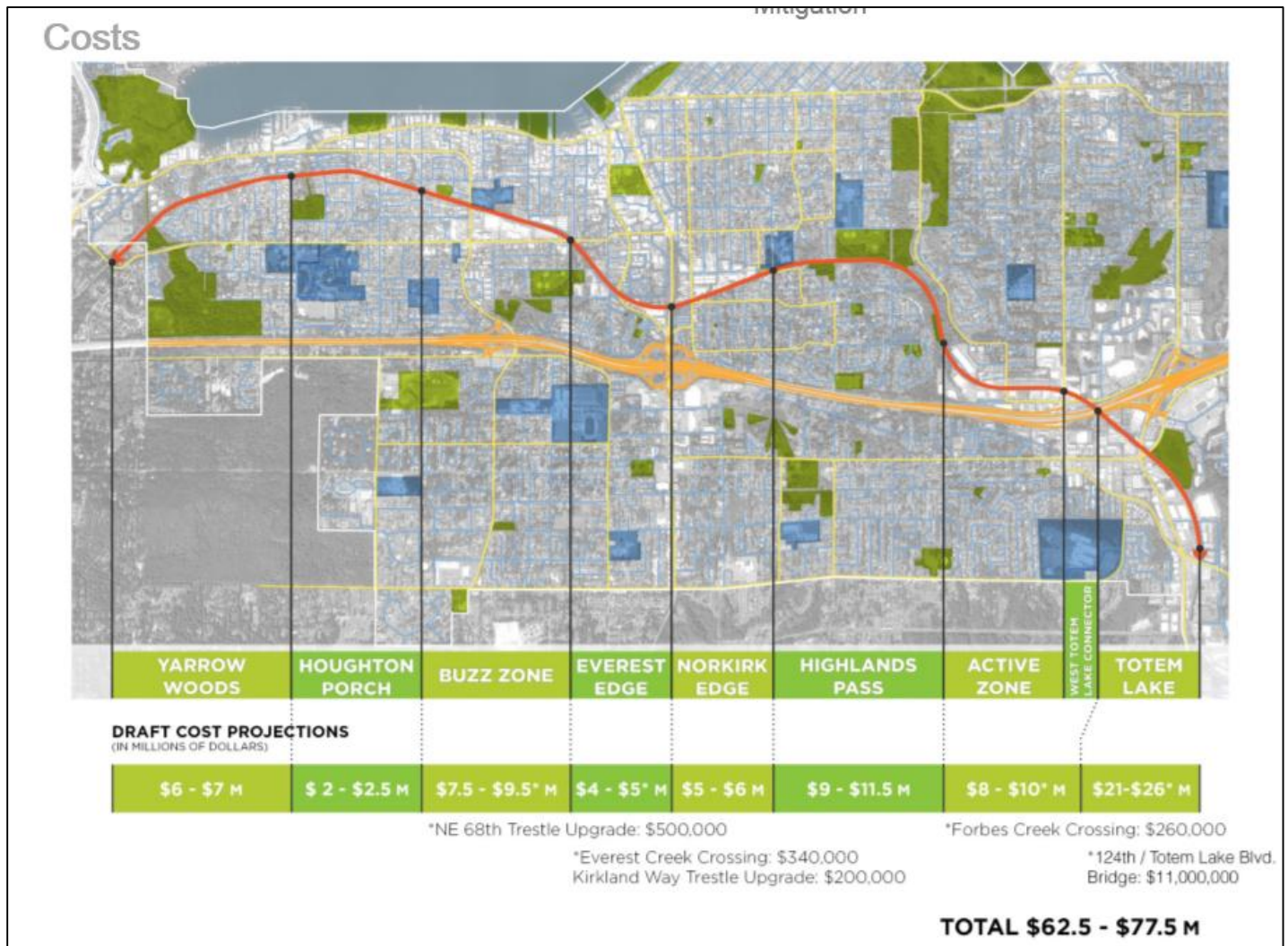
On June 17, 2014 the Kirkland City Council approved this plan and began a singular and wonderful transformation.

4. Acknowledgements

An acknowledgement page will be developed. The current Transportation Commission and Joel Pfundt will be acknowledged.

5. Finalize costs

Costs are being finalized. Since the last version of the plan, wetland mitigation costs have been included. The current costs are shown below.



6. Fill out appendices

Some appendices have not been populated

7. Complete graphics

Some photos and graphics may be revised. Areas with missing graphics will be populated

8. Typos, wording clarifications
Staff had a number of changes to the draft Plan